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1.7 Bags





You throw away 1.7 big green garbage bags each week



1.2 Bags



You need to reduce this to 1.2 big green garbage bags each week

Look inside for TIPS on **REDUCING AND**

RE-USING

Next Edition WILL FOCUS ON **CLEAR RE-**CYCLING **INSTRUCTIONS**





Essex 1 - TSCC #1577 Essex 2 - TSCC #1723

5229/5233 Dundas St. West Etobicoke, Ontario M9B 6L9 / M9B 6M1

New City Garbage Charge In Effect



THIS will cost you \$6.50 more each month **UNLESS** you separate your waste the way the city wants







Join The 30%



Challenge

The City now charges for the garbage we place out for pickup.

Our maintenance fees will increase by 1.5% or \$43,000 a year for both buildings.

This will cost each Essex owner an average \$6.50 per suite more each month.

We have no choice. The City is determined to substantially reduce the amount of garbage going to landfills.

To start, we want to reduce our garbage by 30%. That will save us \$16,000 a year.

Now every week, we throw away an average 1.7 big green bags of garbage per suite. We need to reduce that number to 1.2.

GARBAGE

IS EVERYTHING THE CITY MUST SEND TO LANDFILLS

(For example, things like plastic toys, make-up jars, take-out food containers, dishes, pots and pans, coat hangers, aluminum foil, waxed paper, etc.)

RECYCLING

IS EVERTHING THE CITY PICKS UP THAT THEY CAN SELL --RECYCLING IS FREE

(For example, things like cardboard boxes, newspapers, magazines, glass bottles and jars, metal cans, empty paint cans and lids, etc.)

Did You Know You Can REDUCE Our Garbage Load By....

Leaving The Extra Packaging At The Store!

If you buy large items or items with extra bulky packaging in a store, and you are bringing it home yourself, many stores will allow you to unpack the item in the store so that you can put it in your car/vehicle, and they will dispose of

the packaging themselves. In many ways, encouraging stores to dispose of it themselves will cause them to talk to manufacturers about reducing excess packaging on items. This will lower the amount of garbage for all of us!

Asking The Appliance Delivery Contractor To Haul It Away

If you arrange for delivery of something you have purchased, most stores have already calculated a charge for clean-up and removal of waste.

If someone delivers a product to you, ask them to take away the packaging afterwards - you've already paid for that service!

Letting The Moving Company Take Care Of It

All legitimate moving companies include a charge for clean-up and waste removal on their bills. Make sure that

they do the clean-up and waste removal, so that you don't have to do work that you've paid for!

Donating Before Renovating/Remodelling

A new Habitat for Humanity Re-Store opened up in our neighbourhood, Royal York Road, south of The Queensway, at 7 Queen Elizabeth Blvd. Phone 416-259-9220.

Call them before you renovate!

They will come out and give you an onsite appraisal and can even have their volunteers come out and help you tear down, rip out and load up your donation. They will even issue a tax receipt for the fair market value of the goods you donate.

Check out their web site at www.torontohabitat.on.ca

Asking Your Renovation Contractors To Remove All Waste

If you have contractors come into your home/unit to do renovation or remodelling work, part of the estimate that they've given you includes a charge for clean-up and waste removal. Some of them even list this charge separately on their estimate.

Since you're paying for it, have them clean-up and remove all waste. That way, you don't have to do the work yourself, and pay for it again when the garbage charge hits our building!

Disposing Of Your Old Electronics Wisely

Future Shop will take your used electronics and keep them out of landfills.

- Batteries (any kind)
- Cell phones
- CD, DVD and MP3 players
- CD's (any kind)
- **Televisions**

Unfortunately, non-working electronics are not accepted.

Computers and non-working electronics can be taken to City of Toronto Transfer Stations where they will be recycled and kept from landfills.

Our closest transfer station is 120 Disco Road.

Call 416-392-2292 for directions.

Disposing Of Your Old Paint/Chemicals At City Sites

Old paint and chemicals are considered hazardous waste and should never be put in regular garbage. They can be taken to a City of Toronto Transfer Station. The closest one is at 120 Disco Road.

Call 416-392-2292.

If you have 10 litres or more, you can call the City of Toronto Toxic Taxi. They will come and pick up these items free of charge.

Call 416-392-4330 to make arrangements.

Did You Know You Can Help To RE-USE By....

Taking Your Used Toner Cartridges to Staples

Staples has a national **Recycle For Education Program** that
collects empty ink and toner
cartridges at all stores.

They clean and reuse them. Staples then donates \$1 for each cartridge to participating schools across Canada.
To register your child's school fill out the form at www.recyclefored.ca/fags

REMINDERS

Discard BATTERIES in the designated bins

Donating Large Appliances or Furniture

If any of these items are under 10 years old and in working order, Habitat for Humanity Re-Store will pick them up to be re-sold.

Check out their web site at www.torontohabitat.on.ca

For sanitary reasons, Goodwill and other agencies will not take mattresses. They will take furniture of any kind providing it is in good condition and is able to be resold.

If you are buying a new mattress, ask the store to take the old one.

The City will pick up "white goods" (large appliances and furniture) on a pre-arranged basis only.

Please call the Management Office at 416-239-9786, so that the next available pick-up date can be determined and relayed to you.

IF THE ITEM IS NOT ON THE PRE-ARRANGED LIST, THE CITY WILL NOT TAKE IT.

Management will tell you when and where to leave it.

There is no space for multiday storage of items, without interfering with building operations or other Resident traffic.

For safety reasons, you must remove the doors from all appliances.

Discard UNBROKEN LIGHTBULBS in the designated bins

Donating Other Stuff Too

If you are adding to our too large garbage pile by throwing out something else that's still reusable, read on, because a lot of your old stuff is actually in great demand!

The best way to find out who needs what is to check the City of Toronto website under Garbage and Recycling and Reuse It information page at www.toronto.ca/reuseit/orgs.htm

Scroll down to a chart listing <u>ALL</u> types of items and <u>many</u> non-profit organizations in the Toronto area that will welcome your stuff.

Most places are looking for far more than just your old clothes and furniture. The wide variety of items accepted includes costume jewellery, broken watches, arts and craft supplies, sports equipment, toys, computers, bedding, towels, knick-knacks, shoes, small appliances, books, school supplies, and much more!

Three organizations that many people are familiar with are **Goodwill** (416-746-5757) with a location just down the street from the Essex buildings (4975 Dundas St. W.), the **Canadian Diabetes Association** (416-746-5757) and **The Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy** (416-244-0899).

The Diabetes Association and Cerebral Palsy do pick up but they will not come up to your suite door so you must be available to come down when they arrive.

Warn the Concierge ahead of time to direct you and the truck driver to the proper entrance.

These are just 3 of 36 non-profit organizations listed on the Toronto site that accept donations.

So before you throw it out, check out:

www.toronto.ca/reuseit/orgs.htm

Give your stuff a second chance and help the Essex garbage crisis!

www.goodwill.on.ca/2006_whattodonate.html www.diabetes.ca/Section_services/collection.asp

www.used.clothes.ca/items.html

all
CARDBOARD
boxes before
putting them
in the
designated
bins

About The Essex

Essex Website: For a wealth of information, to update resident data, ask a question, or to offer a suggestion, go to our website at http://www.theessex.ca/

Concierges (24 hours a day): <u>Essex 1</u>- 416 239-0685 or Essex 2 - 416 239-2286.

Moves/Deliveries:

Essex 1: (Mon – Thu: 11am to 8 pm; Fri: 8am to 8 pm; Sat – Sun: 8 am to 5 pm) Essex 2: (Mon – Thu: 11am to 8 pm; Fri: 8am to 8 pm; Sat: 8 am to 5 pm)

Essex Club Recreation Centre hours (5 am - 12 midnight)

Call your Concierge to book ALL Moves, Deliveries, Virtual Golf, Billiards and BBQs.

Property Manager: 416 239-9786 Mon. 10 am - 6 pm; Tue. – Fri. 9 am - 5 pm

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